

Can Greensboro Count on You?

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The Census: A Snapshot

What: The census is simply a count of everyone residing in the United States.

Who: Everyone living in Greensboro!

* new residents * life-long residents * THE ELDERLY * newborns * citizens * non-citizens * college students * migrant

workers * * everyone * Regardless of age, race, ethnicity, immigration or residency status, where you vote, where you obtained your driver's license or where you own property.

If you are living in Greensboro on April 1, 2010, you should be counted in Greensboro

When: Census Day is April 1, 2010. You will receive your questionnaire in March 2010.

Why: The Importance of Census Data

Census data determine how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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Would life in Greensboro be better if:

- **Your** local emergency service providers had up-to-date maps to ensure faster response in a crisis?
- **Your** children could learn in new or improved schools or child-care centers?
- You or your children could gain financial support to afford college.
- Your commute to work was safer and less congested thanks to better roads or expanded public transportation options?
- Your local markets could better deliver goods and services to your community?
- You had access to new senior centers, veterans' resources or enhanced health care services for ill or aging family members?

By participating in the Census, you can help create a better future for you and those important to you.

> Your community's future. Your country's future. Your future.



- Every year, the federal government can allocate more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data.
- Census data guide local decision-makers on where to build new roads, hospitals, schools, and more.
- Businesses use census data to locate supermarkets, new housing and other facilities.

How: Complete & mail questionnaires upon receipt. Questionnaire responses should include the people who live in your household on April 1, 2010.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Easy, Important and Safe

- With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire takes approximately 10 minutes to complete.
- By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.
- All Census Bureau employees take an oath of nondisclosure and are sworn for life to protect the confidentiality of the data.
- The 2010 Census is a historic event that will help shape our communities for the next 10 years.
- Greensboro is rapidly changing, and accurate census data is needed to help make positive improvements for everyone.

Each uncounted person represents a potential loss of \$1,300 in federal funding per year for our community. (Estimate based on the current US population / \$400 billion in annual federal funding.)

Ideas for how you can help:

- Spread the word about the upcoming Census in your neighborhood.
- Reassure your friends and family it is safe and important to answer the Census questionnaire.
- Ask a Census representative to speak at your local civic, service or neighborhood organization meeting.
- Include Census 2010 information in newsletters or on bulletin boards at your place of worship or neighborhood gathering spots.
- Organize a Census awareness rally with your service club.
- ➤ Have your business or organization become an official 2010 Census Partner.

Most importantly:

Complete and return your 2010 Census form by April 1, 2010.

For more information about the City of Greensboro's 2010 Complete Count Committee, and how you can participate, contact:

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For more information about the 2010 Census or for information about Census Jobs,

Visit: www.2010census.gov

